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# BOROUGH OF GOSPORT -----

To The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Gosport.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my nineteenth Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough for the year ended 31st December 1949.

The main features of interest are as follows:-

POPULATION      The Civilian Population has increased from 49,000 in 1948 to 49,690 in 1949 according to the Registrar General's Estimates which also include a Non-Civilian Population of 9,690 making the Total Population of Gosport 59,380 for 1949.

BIRTHS      The number of live births, 1,037, recorded during 1949 shows a decrease of 118 compared with 1948. The fall in the Birth Rate was general throughout the country but the rate for Gosport, 20.86, still compares favourably with 16.7 for England & Wales.

DEATHS      The number of deaths recorded rose from 441 in 1948 to 515 in 1949 giving a Death Rate of 11.5 compared with 11.7 for England & Wales.

INFANT MORTALITY      In 1948 the Infant Mortality Rate for Gosport was 24.24 and 34 for England & Wales (the lowest rates on record) but in 1949 they fell lower still to 21.21 for Gosport and 32 for England & Wales, thus making new low records.  
Only 1 death from diarrhoea in children under 2 years of age was recorded during the year.

MATERNAL MORTALITY      Three deaths from Maternal Causes (other than puerperal and post-abortive sepsis) were recorded in Gosport in 1949. These were the first deaths from maternal causes recorded since 1945.

<u>TUBERCULOSIS DEATH RATE</u>	(1948)	
Respiratory	0.48 (0.51)	per 1,000 population
Other Forms	0.06 (0.05)	
All Forms	0.54 (0.56)	

<u>CANCER DEATH RATE</u>	1.55 (1.63)	"	"	"
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NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES      There were no notifications of typhoid fever, dysentery or food poisoning during the year and no deaths from any of the infectious diseases notified excepting 1 of 6 cases of Acute Poliomyelitis (Infantile Paralysis) and 18 out of 89 cases of Pneumonia.

HOUSING

The number of inhabited houses in Gosport in 1949, as shown by the Rate Books, was 15,860 which amounts to one house for approximately every 3 inhabitants calculated on the civilian population. But we must not assume from this that there is no Overcrowding in Gosport. Although we have no up-to-date and accurate information on Overcrowding the final report by the Max Lock Planning Group published in May 1949 shows that approximately 1.96% of Gosport's civilian population live in overcrowded conditions taking 1 habitable room per person as the standard for the assessment of Overcrowding. Of course this standard is higher than the legal standard which takes into consideration the size as well as the number of rooms and is a low standard which we must try to raise as soon as practicable. The procedure and means of dealing with deliberate cases of Overcrowding are in need of revision too.

NEW HOUSES

The number of permanent houses built during 1949 was 399. This makes a total of 1372 permanent houses built since the end of the war. In addition, 600 prefabricated bungalows have been erected during the post-war period and 164 war-destroyed houses rebuilt.

APPLICANTS FOR COUNCIL HOUSES

The list, revised at the end of the year, shows 1463 Applicants for Council Houses. No applications are considered from Applicants who have not been living or employed in Gosport for at least 2 years, excepting members of families living in Gosport who are in the Services or temporarily residing elsewhere. The Local Authority re-housed 213 new tenants during the year.

DOMESTIC HELP SCHEME

A total of 183 Maternity and 194 Other Cases received help under this scheme.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH

The health of the public in 1949 was satisfactory as far as can be judged by the statistical and other information at our disposal. Although the general Death Rate alone gives a very imperfect view of the prevalence of sickness, when a low general Death Rate is combined with a low Infant Mortality Rate we have reasonable grounds for optimism. In 1949 we had our lowest Infant Mortality Rate on record and a Death Rate below the rate for the whole country.

In conclusion I would again like to express my thanks to the Members of the Council and especially to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their courtesy and co-operation and to my Staff for their diligence and help.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. W. FLEMING

August 1950

Medical Officer of Health

HEALTH COMMITTEE

H. W. THE MAYOR  
(Councillor OSBORN)

Chairman: Alderman WHEELER

Vice-Chairman: Councillor PARKIN

Aldermen  
Mrs MAIN, NOBES

Councillors  
Mrs CARTER, COX, DOUGHTY, LANDER, PHILLIPS  
Mrs SHEPHERD, THWAYTES, TURNER

STAFF

Medical Officer of Health  
G. W. FLEMING, L.R.C.P & S, L.R.F.P & S, D.P.H.

Chief Sanitary Inspector  
T. E. OWENS, Cert R San I, Meat & Food Insp Cert, etc  
(Resigned 28.2.49)

Senior Sanitary Inspector  
H. G. COPE, M R San I, Meat & Food Insp Cert  
(Appointed 2.5.49)

Additional Sanitary Inspectors  
N. R. CALEY, Cert R San I, Meat & Food Insp Cert  
J. J. LAWRENCE, Cert R San I, Meat & Food Insp Cert

Shops Acts Inspector  
A. E. GORMAN

Senior Clerk  
H. J. MOORE

Assistant Clerks  
Miss J. G. FISHER  
J. A. KEMP

Rodent Control Operator  
P. DOWSETT

Disinfector and Mortuary Attendant  
W. BEAVIS

Mosquito Sprayer  
F. J. EVANS



# SECTION A

## SUMMARY for 1949

### General Statistics

Area in acres (land and inland water)

6,770

Registrar General's Estimates of Population

Civilian 49,690 (increase 690)  
Non-Civilian 9,690  
Total 59,380

Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1949) according to Rate Books 15,860 (increase 1,170)

Rateable Value

£450,210 (increase £13,742)

Sum Represented by Penny Rate

£1,815 (increase £65)

### Extracts from Vital Statistics

#### GOSPORT

#### England & Wales

1  
4  
1

Males

Females

Total

Rates per 1,000  
Civilian  
Population

Rates per 1,000  
Total  
Population

Live Births

Legitimate  
Illegitimate

526  
25

465  
21

991  
46

19.94  
0.92

Total Live Births

551

486

1,037

20.86

16.7

Still Births

Legitimate  
Illegitimate

8  
-

6  
1

14  
1

13.31  
0.95

Total Still Births

8

7

15

14.26

0.39

Deaths

All Causes

258

257

515

Rates per 1,000  
Civilian Population  
10.36 x 1.11 C.F.  
= 11.5

11.7

Extracts from Vital Statistics (Contd.)

Deaths (Contd.)

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>GOSPORT</u> Rates per 1,000	<u>England &amp; Wales</u> Total Births
Puerperal Causes:					
Abortion with Sepsis	-	-	-	-	0.11
" without Sepsis	-	-	-	-	0.05
Puerperal Infections	-	-	-	-	0.11
Other Maternal Causes	-	3	3	2.85	0.71
Total	-	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2.85</u>	<u>0.98</u>

Infants Under 1 Year Old:

Legitimate	20	2	22
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Total	<u>20</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>22</u>

Infant Mortality Rates:

All Infants per 1,000 Live Births	21.21	32
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	22.20	
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	-	
Diarrhoea under 2 years of age per 1,000 Live Births	0.96	3.0

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deaths from Cancer (all sites)	35	42	77
" Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	1	-	1
" Tuberculosis (all forms)	15	12	27

CAUSES of DEATH in GOSPORT during 1949

<u>CAUSES of DEATH</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	-	-	-
2. Cerebro Spinal Fever	-	-	-
3. Scarlet Fever	-	-	-
4. Whooping Cough	-	-	-
5. Diphtheria	-	-	-
6. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	12	12	24
7. Other Forms of Tuberculosis	3	-	3
8. Syphilitic Diseases	-	-	-
9. Influenza	2	1	3
10. Measles	-	-	-
11. Ac. Polio-myelitis and Polio-encephalitis	1	-	1
12. Ac. Inf. Encephalitis	-	-	-
13. Cancer of Buccal Cavity and Oesophagus (M) or Uterus (F)	2	3	5
14. " " Stomach and Duodenum	6	9	15
15. " " Breast	1	9	10
16. " " All Other Sites	26	21	47
17. Diabetes	2	2	4
18. Inter-cranial Vascular Lesions	24	31	55
19. Heart Disease	65	68	133
20. Other Diseases of Circulatory System	10	20	30
21. Bronchitis	11	12	23
22. Pneumonia	15	3	18
23. Other Respiratory Diseases	2	1	3
24. Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	6	4	10
25. Diarrhoea under 2 years of age	1	-	1
26. Appendicitis	1	-	1
27. Other Digestive Diseases	3	6	9
28. Nephritis	8	11	19
29. Puerperal and Post Abortive Sepsis	-	-	-
30. Other Maternal Causes	-	3	3
31. Premature Birth	7	1	8
32. Congenital Malformation; Birth Injury; Infantile Diseases	6	3	9
33. Suicide	5	1	6
34. Road Traffic Accidents	1	5	6
35. Other Violent Causes	8	6	14
36. All Other Causes	30	25	55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>258</u>	<u>257</u>	<u>515</u>

Deaths of Infants Under 1 year:-

Legitimate	20	2	22
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>20</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>22</u>



**BIRTH-RATES, CIVILIAN DEATH-RATES, ANALYSIS of MORTALITY,  
MATERNAL MORTALITY and CASE-RATES for certain INFECTIOUS DISEASES in 1949**

	<u>GOSPORT</u>	England & Wales	126 County Boroughs and Great Towns including London	148 Smaller Towns Resident Population 25000-50000 1931 Census	London Admin: County
<u>Births</u>	Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population				
Live Births	20.86	16.7(a)	18.7	18.0	18.5
Still Births	0.30	0.39(a)	0.47	0.40	0.37
<u>Deaths</u>	10.36 x 1.11 = 11.5				
All Causes	-	11.7(a)	12.5	11.6	12.2
Typhoid and Paratyphoid	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Whooping Cough	-	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01
Diphtheria	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tuberculosis	0.54	0.45	0.52	0.42	0.52
Influenza	0.06	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.11
Smallpox	-	0.00	0.00	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01
Pneumonia	0.36	0.51	0.56	0.49	0.59
<u>Notifications (Corrected)</u>					
Typhoid Fever	-	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Paratyphoid Fever	-	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01
Cerebro-spinal Fever	-	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02
Scarlet Fever	1.32	1.63	1.72	1.83	1.46
Whooping Cough	2.13	2.39	2.44	2.39	1.70
Diphtheria	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.07
Erysipelas	0.30	0.19	0.20	0.19	0.17
Smallpox	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Measles	37.41	8.95	8.91	9.18	8.54
Pneumonia	1.79	0.80	0.91	0.65	0.55
Acute Poliomyelitis	0.10	0.13	0.13	0.12	0.18
Acute Polioencephalitis	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01
Food Poisoning	-	0.14	0.16	0.14	0.19
<u>Deaths</u>					
	Rates per 1,000 Live Births				
All Causes under 1 year of age	21.21	32(b)	37	30	29
Enteritis and Diarrhoea under 2 years of age	0.96	3.0	3.8	2.4	1.7
<u>Notifications (Corrected)</u>	Rates per 1,000 Total (Live & Still) Births				
Puerperal fever/pyrexia	-	6.31	8.14	5.30	6.82
<u>Maternal Mortality</u>	2.85	0.98			
<u>Abortion Mortality</u> per million women aged 15-44:-					
(England & Wales) With Sepsis		8			
Without Sepsis		4			

(a) Rates per 1,000 total population      (b) Per 1,000 related live births  
A dash(-) signifies that there were no deaths or notifications

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION of HEALTH SERVICES for the AREA

(a) Laboratory Facilities

Public Health Laboratory, Winchester.....Tel. Winchester 3807  
(Directed by Medical Research Council for Ministry of Health)

Central Laboratory, Portsmouth.....Tel. Portsmouth 73273  
(Portsmouth and Isle of Wight Area Pathological Service)

Public Analyst's Laboratory, Portsmouth.....Tel. Portsmouth 5482

(b) Ambulance Facilities

Under County Medical Officer, Winchester.....Tel. Winchester 4411

General and Accident Cases.....Tel. Gosport 89121  
Infectious Diseases Cases.....Tel. Portsmouth 2046

(c) Nursing in the Home

Victoria Nursing Society, Peel Road, Gosport....Tel. Gosport 8039

(d) Clinic and Treatment Centres

Under County Medical Officer, Winchester:-

Maternity & Child Welfare

Child Welfare Centres:-

Methodist Church, Stoke Road, Gosport  
Wednesdays (10 am to 12 noon  
( 2 pm to 4 pm

St. Thomas's Church Hall, Elson Road, Gosport  
Tuesdays 2 p.m.

Congregational Church Hall, The Crossways, Gosport  
Mondays (10 am to 12 noon  
( 2 pm to 4 pm

Lowry Hut, Lee-on-Solent  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays in month at 2 pm

Ante Natal Clinics:-

War Memorial Hospital, Gosport.....Tel. Gosport 8157  
Thursdays 2 pm (excepting 5th Thursday in month)

Minor Ailments Clinic

2 Stoke Road, Gosport  
Mondays to Fridays at 9 am

Dental Clinic

2 Stoke Road, Gosport  
Mondays to Fridays at 9 am and 2 pm

Speech Clinic

"The Gables", Spring Garden Lane, Gosport  
Mondays and Thursdays 9.30 am and 1.30 pm

Verminous Cleansing Clinic

2 Stoke Road, Gosport  
Mondays and Thursdays at 9.30 am

Child Guidance Services

Clinic held at "The Gables", Spring Garden Lane, Gosport  
Tuesday afternoons  
Attendance by Appointment Only

Vaccination

Carried out by any General Medical Practitioner who has  
agreed to operate the County Council's Scheme under  
Section 26 of the National Health Service Act 1946

Diphtheria Immunisation

At School Clinic (by Appointment Only)  
Child Welfare Centres  
or By Own Doctor

Regional Hospital Board Services:-

Orthopaedic Clinics

- "The Gables", Spring Garden Lane, Gosport
- (a) Surgeon's Clinics 3rd Tuesday odd months at 10 am
  - (b) Minor Clinics 2nd Tuesday every month at 10 am
  - (c) Remedial Clinics every Friday all day

Tuberculosis: Chest Clinics

"The Gables", Spring Garden Lane, Gosport

Mondays 9.45 am - Patients previously examined  
12 noon and 2 pm - New Patients

Evening Clinic - 3rd Monday every month

Venereal Diseases

Clinics: St. Marys Hospital, Portsmouth..Tel.Portsmouth 2476

	(Tuesdays and	(Mondays 5-7 pm
Males	(Thursdays	Females (Wednesdays 2 pm
	(10 am - 5 pm	(Fridays 10 am

Ophthalmic Clinic (Administered by County Council on behalf of  
Regional Hospital Board)

2 Stoke Road, Gosport  
(Attendance by Appointment Only)

(e) Hospitals

War Memorial Hospital (General).....Tel. Gosport 8157

Haslar (Naval Hospital).....Tel. Portsmouth 74571

Infectious Diseases - Cases requiring hospital treatment  
continued to be admitted to Portsmouth  
I. D. Hospital via Portsmouth Group  
Hospital Management Committee.

Blake Maternity Home.....Tel. Gosport 8535

Ballard Lodge Nursing Home (private).....Tel. Gosport 8143

SECTION 47 of the NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948

Removal to Suitable Premises of Persons in Need of Care and Attention

Quarterly applications for renewal of Court Order were made, and  
granted, for the detention of a bedridden male in St. Christopher's Home,  
Wickham Road, Fareham (originally removed there in 1943 on a Court Order  
granted under Section 127 of the Gosport Corporation Act 1939).



SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water

The main supply is a typical chalk water remaining practically constant in quality, neutral in reaction and free from deposit on standing. It has no plumbo-solvent action. It is hard in character but is much softened on boiling. The water is chlorinated before it reaches the mains.

The supply has been satisfactory in quality and quantity.

The following table shows the number of samples taken, for which the results of analyses were all satisfactory:-

	<u>Chem.Exam</u>	<u>Bact.Exam</u>	<u>Total</u>
Water from Public Supply Mains	3	20	23
Water before chlorination	6	6	12

No action in respect of any form of contamination was required during the year. So far as is known all the dwelling houses in the Borough have direct main supplies.

Drainage and Sewerage

During the year the following additional lengths of sewers were laid:-

<u>Foul Sewers</u>	<u>Storm Water Sewers</u>
1,504 ft x 12 ins	1,618 ft x 15 ins
4,218 ft x 9 ins	1,531 ft x 12 ins
4,524 ft x 6 ins	4,203 ft x 9 ins
2,215 ft x 4 ins	495 ft x 6 ins

Sewer Outfall at Stokes Bay repaired after war damage.

(See my Special Report to the Health Committee on the 7th July 1949 re Opening Stokes Bay.)

Rivers and Streams

There was no pollution in the area requiring any action.

Closet Accommodation

There were no conversions of pail closets to water closets during the year.

Number of water closets	15,919
Number of pail closets	18



### Public Cleansing

Household refuse is collected once weekly by the Corporation. The survey of household dustbins was continued and 143 new dustbins were supplied during the year. The emptying of cesspools was carried out by Hants Cleansing Service.

### Sanitary Inspections of the Area

Dwelling Houses:	
Inspections under Public Health Acts	804
"                "    Housing Acts	60
After Infectious Disease	1280
Overcrowding	34
Sanitary Dustbins	412
Complaints received and attended to	666
Drainage Inspections	186
Drains Tested	6
Common Lodging Houses	12
Offensive Trades	9
Tents, Vans and Sheds	9
Stables and Stable Yards	56
Piggeries	64
Factories (Power)	129
"    (Non-Power)	20
Outworkers' Rooms	28
Public Conveniences	34
Rats and Mice	64
Cinemas	1
Mosquito Control	1
Vacant Land and Dumps	73
Revisits to Premises under Notice	3398
Works in Progress	238
Interviews with Owners etc.	886
Verminous Premises	146
Prospective Council House Tenants	39
Miscellaneous Visits	980
Meat and Foods:	
Butchers' Shops and Stalls	135
Eakehouses	45
Fishmongers and Poulterers	65
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	166
Grocers and Other Food Shops	346
Fried Fish Shops	39
Dairies and Milkshops	75
Ice Cream Premises	210
Preserved Food Premises	75
Cafes	109
Hawkers	75
Milk Samples	205
"    Detergent Samples	26
"    Bottles	8

Sanitary Inspections of the Area (Continued)

Water Samples	8
Food & Drug Samples	151
Ice Cream Samples	204
Miscellaneous	322

Total Visits 11,265

Summary of Sanitary Work Carried Out

Houses:	Roofs	255
	Walls (external)	94
	Chimneys and Stacks	22
	Rainwater Pipes	38
	Eaves Guttering	93
	Yards and Passages	7
	Dampness Abated	61
	Wallplaster	215
	Ceilings	154
	Floors	145
	Windows	228
	Sashcords	130
	Additional Lighting	2
	Additional Ventilation	4
	Stairs	12
	Doors	77
	Cleansed	1
	Vermin	51
	Handrails Fixed	4
	Fireplaces	90
	Cooking Ranges	16
	Coppers	11
	Sinks (Provision of)	1
	" (Repair and Renewal)	17
	Sink Waste Pipes	21
	Repairs to Water Supplies	10
	Food Stores Provided	1
	Overcrowding Abated	7
	Miscellaneous	31
Drainage:	Drains Cleared	101
	Drains Repaired	39
	New Drains	3
	Other Defects	10
Water Closets:	Repaired	135
	New Closets Provided	2
Dustbins:	New Provided	143
Miscellaneous:	Offensive Accumulations	17
	Animals	11

Summary of Sanitary Work Carried Out (Continued)

Contraventions:	Common Lodging Houses	2
	Butchers' Premises	9
	Food Premises	108
	Piggeries	2
	Stables and Stable Yards	2
	Factories	14
	Hawkers' Premises	2
Total Defects Remedied		2398
<u>Notices Served</u>	Informal Notices: Public Health Acts	548
	Food and Drugs Act	72
	Factories Act	13
	Statutory Notices	349
<u>Notices Complied With</u>		636

Action Taken under the Shops Acts and the  
Young Persons (Employment) Act

2355 Visits were made.

8 Informal Notices and 2 Statutory Notices were served  
and all were complied with.

Camping Sites - No change

Smoke Abatement - No action required

Swimming Baths and Pools - No change

Eradication of Bed Bugs The following action was taken during  
the year:-

	<u>Council Houses</u>	<u>Other Houses</u>	<u>Total</u>
No. of houses found to be infested	4	25	29
No. of houses disinfested	4	25	29

## Mosquito Control

Mr. P. G. Shute, Assistant Malariologist, Ministry of Health, paid Gosport a visit of inspection in September 1949 and made a Report on his findings, copies of which were sent to the following:-

D. D. A. H., Southern Command H.Q., Salisbury  
A. D. M. S., Aldershot  
N. H. O., Haslar

A meeting to consider this Report was held at H.Q., "D" Sqdn, 7R Tanks, Fort Gomer, on the 19th December 1949 at which representatives of the Services and other Authorities concerned were present.

The Minutes of this meeting were considered by the Health Committee at their meeting on the 3rd January 1950.

When Mr. Shute's recommendations have been executed they should result in substantial improvement in the control of mosquitoes in the area.

Regular spraying of breeding places was systematically carried out during the breeding season and did much to reduce the prevalence of mosquitoes in Gosport and Lee and very few complaints were received by the Health Department.

The cost to the Corporation for wages, material transport, etc. was £293 - 10 - 3.

## Rodent Control

One man was employed whole-time on rodent control throughout the year. In addition casual labour was employed when required on sewer treatment for lifting of manhole covers etc.

The following work was done during the year:-

Private Dwellings Inspected	...	...	...	...	...	1134
" " Treated	...	...	...	...	...	159
Business Premises Treated (Costs recoverable)	...	...				33

Sewer Treatments: The sewers in the borough are divided into 18 sections and the following maintenance treatments were carried out during the year:-



Sewer Section		Number of Manholes Baited	
No.	Area	10% Tests	Treatments
1A)			
1B)	Lee-on-Solent	13	-
2	Town	-	155
3A)			
3B)	Christchurch & Newtown	-	353
4	Mill Lane	9	-
5	Lees Lane/Anns Hill	-	99
6	Beryton Road	8	-
7	Avery Lane/B'hurst Rd/Frater	9	-
8	Eastbourne Ave/Hastings Ave	8	78
9	Chantry, Palmyra & Rydal Roads	-	-
10	Grove Road & Hardway	7	-
11	Grange Estate	-	-
12	Leesland & Whitworth Roads	-	85
13	Bury Rd/Anglesey Rd/The Avenue	10	-
14	Fareham Road	8	-
15	Privett Rd/Vectis Rd	10	-
16	Clayhall	10	-
Total Manholes Baited		92	770

188 Complaints of infestations were received and attended to during the year.

Premises Subject to Control by the Local Authority

Houses let in lodgings	4
Common Lodging Houses	1
Dairies	7
Hawkers' Premises	21



FACTORIES ACTS 1937 and 1948

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	12	20	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sect.7 is enforced by the Local Authority	65	129	3	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Sect.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	77	149	3	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars	No. of Cases in which Defects were found				No. of Cases in which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M.I.	By H.M.I.	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	1	2	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	1	2	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7):-					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	9	9	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other Offences against the Act (excluding offences relating to Outwork)	2	1	-	-	-
TOTAL	13	14	-	-	-

OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of Outworkers in Aug. list	No. of Cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of pros- ecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices Served	Prosecutions
Wearing Apparel, Making etc	30	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	30	-	-	-	-	-

SECTION D

HOUSING

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year:-

1. (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health or Housing Acts)	525
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	864
2. (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	1
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	1
3. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	1
4. Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	524

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year  
Without Service of Formal Notices

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	327
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-

A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936	Nil
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B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	159
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2. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-

(a) By Owners	159
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil

C. Proceedings under Sections 11 & 13 of the Housing Act, 1936	Nil
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4. Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding

(a)	(i) Number of overcrowded dwellings on our register at the end of the year.	4
	(ii) Number of families dwelling therein	5
	(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein	36
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	2
(c)	(i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	6
	(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	43
(d)	Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of Overcrowding	Nil

5. Slum Clearance - Position at 31st December 1949

Total number of houses demolished	393
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6. Housing Progress    Number of New Houses built during 1949:-

(i) By Local Authority	
(a) Permanent Houses	263
(b) Prefabricated Temporary Houses	Nil
(ii) By Private Enterprise	136

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SECTION E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

Milk Sampling and Testing for the Year 1949

To comply with  
(To 30.9.49) The Milk (S.D) Regulations 1936-46 and  
The Heat-Treated Milk (P.T) Order 1944  
(From 1.10.49) The Milk (S.D)(R.M) Regulations 1949 and  
The Milk (S.D)(P & S.M) Regulations 1949

Class of Milk	Number of Samples Examined	Tests	Number of Samples	
			Passed	Failed
Pasteurised	91	Phosphatase	86	5
		Methylene Blue	90	1
T.T. Pasteurised	80	Phosphatase	78	2
		Methylene Blue	75	5
Heat-Treated	17	Phosphatase	15	2
		Methylene Blue	17	-

The Phosphatase Test is for adequacy of heat-treatment  
and the Methylene Blue Test for keeping quality

Milk Bottles 36 sample milk bottles were submitted for tests of sterility. 31 of the bottles were satisfactory and 5 were unsatisfactory.

Cleansing Fluids 27 samples of fluid used for cleansing of bottles, utensils, etc, were submitted for examination and all were satisfactory.

Appropriate action was taken on all unsatisfactory reports.

Milk (S.D) Regulations 1936-46

Licences:	Pasteurisers	2
	Distributors (Pasteurised)	3
	" " Supplementary	1
	" (T.T.)	2
	" " Supplementary	1
	Bottlers (T.T.)	2

Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949

Registrations:	Dairies (other than dairy farms)	7
	Distributors	7

Milk (S.D)(P & S.M) Regulations 1949

Licences:	Pasteurisers	3
	Dealers (Pasteurised)	3
	" " Supplementary	1

Milk (S.D)(R.M) Regulations 1949

Licences:	Dealers (T.T.)	4
	" " Supplementary	1



Meat and Other Foods

Our meat came from slaughterhouses outside the Borough under Ministry of Food control.

1199 $\frac{1}{4}$  lbs Beef, 31 lbs Lamb, 12 lbs Kidney and 71 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs Sweetbreads (all decomposition) were condemned and surrendered.

Other foodstuffs condemned as unfit for human consumption were as follows:-

Government Victualling Establishment

Baked Beans	161 lbs	Jams, Marmalades & Syrups	875 lbs
Baking Powder	700 "	Lard & Other Fats	172 "
Beef Extract	219 jars	Meats (Canned)	3,355 "
Biscuits	9,420 lbs	Meat & Fish Pastes	14 "
Cereals	7,635 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	Meat & Vegetables (Canned)	2,971 tins
Chocolate & Cocoa	3,145 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Milk	493 "
Custard Powder	7 "	Orange Juice	3 "
Emergency Rations	491 tins	Pickles & Sauces	429 lbs
Fish (Canned)	788 "	Soups (Canned)	1,789 tins
Flour	7,436 lbs	Sugar	454 lbs
Fruits (Canned)	463 tins	Tea	8 "
" (Dried)	4,686 lbs	Vegetables (Canned)	10,684 tins
Herbs & Spices	104 "	" (Dried)	3,275 lbs
" "	202 pkts	Various Unidentified	
		Tins & Jars	745

Others

Bacon	56 lbs	Meat Pies	11
Beans	23 bags	Meat Substitute	20 lbs
Butter	1 lb	Milk Setting Powder	33 "
Cabbage Powder	40 lbs	Mixed Herbs	28 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Cake & Pudding Mixture	399 "	Mushrooms	2 "
Carrot Powder	24 "	Oxo Cubes	12
Cereals	293 "	Peas (Dried)	137 "
Cheese	120 "	Peel (Mixed)	12 "
"	6 bxs	Pickles & Sauces	429 jars
Coffee	23 tins	Pork Sausages	80 lbs
" Essence	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ ozs	Potato Powder	529 "
Confectionery	434 lbs	Rhubarb (Bottled)	15 botts
Dates	67 "	Savoury Cream Powder	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs
Date Paste	28 "	Shellfish	17 stone
Fish	145 $\frac{3}{4}$ stone	"	2 sacks
"	9 bxs	"	12 doz
Fish Dressing	80 lbs	Shredded Suet	20 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs
Fruitella Sauce	59 pkts	Soda Bicarbonate	89 "
Guinea Fowl	4	Soya Flour	48 "
Honey	2 lbs	Tinned Goods	1,349 tins
Ice Cream Powder	1,332 "	Vinegar	48 botts



Ice Cream

Premises Registered:-

For Manufacture of Ice Cream  
For Sale only

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No. of Samples Taken	Samples Reported				% in Grade 1	% in Grades 1 or 2	% in Grade 3	% in Grade 4
	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4				
199	121	52	16	10	61%	87%	8%	5%

The Public Health Laboratory Service says that samples should be judged on the result of a series and suggests that over a six-monthly period

50% of samples should fall into Grade 1  
80% " " " " " Grades 1 or 2  
not more than 20% " " " " " Grade 3  
and no " " " " " Grade 4

In all cases of unsatisfactory reports the manufacturer and retailer were advised verbally and by circular re precautions to be taken to prevent contamination.

Food & Drugs Act 1938

Samples taken during the year:-

<u>Results of Analysis</u>			
<u>Article</u>	<u>Genuine</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>	<u>Total</u>
Milk	72	4 (a)	76
Other Foods	76	11 (b)	87
Drugs	11	3 (c)	14
TOTAL	159	18	177

Action taken re Unsatisfactory Samples:-

(a) (i) Producer's Delivery	Deficient of 3% milk fat	Follow-up sample satisfactory
(ii) " "	Deficient of 3% milk fat	" "
(iii) " "	Deficient of 3.5% solids-not-fat Contained at least 5% extraneous water	" "
(iv) " "	Deficient of 2.3% solids-not-fat Contained 1.5% extraneous water Deficient 2% fat	" "
(b) (1) Salad Oil	Label Offence (No ingredients and no name & address of packer)	Withdrawn from sale until correct labels printed

(b)(ii) Bicarbonate of Soda	Label Offence (No weight and no name & address of packer)	Withdrawn from sale until correct labels printed
(iii) Parrish's Food (Improved)	Label Offence (Formula given on label incorrect)	Sale suspended by retailer & wholesaler Manufacturer written and matter also referred to B.M.A.
(iv) Royal Dessert Powder	Label Offence (No declaration of ingredients)	Makers already given undertaking to Min. of Food Labelling Divn. that they will list ingredients on future supplies of cartons
(v) Sausage Meat	Deficient of 18% of min. amount of meat	Prosecution. Fined £7 plus £1.1.0 costs
(vi) Yorkshire Pudding Mixture	Label Offence	Old stock. One pkt only left. Destroyed.
(vii) Glenmar Pudding Mixture	Label Offence Contaminated with insects Deficient of 12% available CO <sub>2</sub>	Old stock. Remainder of stock (10 pkts) destroyed
(viii) Mineral Oil	Not suitable for use as a food or drug	Oil not sold for any specific purpose but remainder of stock surrendered and destroyed
(ix) Sauce	Label Offence	Manufacturer and Min. of Food Labelling Division notified
(x) Gravy Browning	Label Offence	" " "
(xi) Lemon Curd	Deficient of 17% of min. amount of fat	Manufacturer warned
(c) (i) Balsam of Aniseed	Label Offence (Implied 86.7% Syrup but not more than half of this amount of official Syrupus B.P.)	Manufacturer written Stock withdrawn and labels corrected
(ii) Compound Syrup and of Figs (iii)	Contradictory Label Not B.P.C. formula Statement of active ingredients unsatisfactory.	Referred to Pharmaceutical Society

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SECTION F

PREVALENCE OF, and CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS and OTHER DISEASES

<u>Scarlet Fever</u>	66 cases	No deaths
<u>Diphtheria</u>	1 case (Non-Civilian)	No death
<u>Ac. Poliomyelitis</u> and <u>Ac. Polioencephalitis</u>	6 cases	1 death
<u>Pneumonia</u>	89 cases	18 deaths
<u>Measles</u>	1,859 cases	No deaths
<u>Whooping Cough</u>	106 cases	No deaths

During the year the following cases were admitted to Portsmouth Infectious Diseases Hospital:-

Scarlet Fever.....3	T.B.Meningitis.....4
Ac. Poliomyelitis.....5	Chicken Pox.....4
Ac. Polioencephalitis...1	Influenza.....3
Whooping Cough.....3	Infantile Diarrhoea.....8
Measles.....4	Eczema.....1
Pneumonia.....3	Ophthalmia Neonatorum...1
Measles & Pneumonia.....8	Observation.....21

Immunisation Against Diphtheria

Children were immunised at the School Clinic, at Child Welfare Centres and by their own doctors. The number of children immunised and the number given reinforcing injections during the year were as follows:-

Number of Children Immunised			Number of Children who were given Refresher Injections
Under 5	5 to 14	Total	
956	76	1,032	276

Number of Children Who had Completed a Full Course of Immunisation  
At any time up to 31st December 1949

Age at 31.12.49	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5 to 9	10 to 14	Total
ie Born in Year	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1940-44	1935-39	Under 15
No. Immunised	60	658	742	654	575	2,758	2,422	7,869
Estd. Mid-year Population	6,013					8,139		14,152

Calculation based on the above figures shows that 55.6% of Gosport children under 15 were immunised by the end of 1949



Infectious Diseases

Notifications, Admissions to Hospital and Deaths during 1949

Disease	Cases Notified	Cases Admitted to		Deaths
		Portsmouth I.D.H.	Other Hospitals	
Scarlet Fever	66	3		
Diphtheria	1(a)		1(a)	
Acute Poliomyelitis	5	5	2(b)	
" Polioencephalitis	1	1		1
Pneumonia	89	11	2	18
Measles	1859	12		
Whooping Cough	106	3		
Erysipelas	15			
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	5	1		

(a) Non-civilian

(b) Transfers from Portsmouth I.D.H.

Tuberculosis

Age	NEW CASES - 70				DEATHS - 27			
	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 yr								
1 - 4 yrs		1		1				
5 - 14 "	7	1	5			1	1	
15 - 24 "	4	11		1	1	1		
25 - 34 "	6	6		1	2	2		
35 - 44 "	6	5		1	3	2	1	
45 - 54 "	4	2			2	4	1	
55 - 64 "	4	1			4	2		
65 and over	3							
Totals	34	27	5	4	12	12	3	-

Tuberculosis Death Rate    Pulmonary    0.48 per 1,000 population  
                                  Other Forms    0.06    "    "    "  
                                  All Forms    0.54    "    "    "

Ratio of Non-notified deaths to total deaths:- 5 : 27

There was no instance of wilful neglect or refusal to notify.

There is no evidence of excessive incidence of, or mortality from, Tuberculosis in any particular occupation in the area.

# INFECTIOUS DISEASES

## Cases Notified During 1949

Numbers according to Sex and Age after corrections subsequently made, either by the Notifying Medical Practitioner or by the Medical Superintendent of the I.D.Hospital

Ages etc (N.K. - Age Unknown)	Scarlet Fever		Whooping Cough		Acute Poliomyelitis		Acute Polio-Encephalitis		Measles		Diphtheria	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - .....	4	3	3	5					26	28		
1 - .....	12	11	16	14					258	269		
3 - .....	22	9	12	17	2	1			322	261		
5 - .....	3	2	25	13		1			333	318		
Civilians 10 - .....				1					13	18		
15 - .....						1			3	4		
25 and over...									2	3		
N.K. ....									1			
Total Civilians	41	25	56	50	2	3	1	-	958	901	-	-
Non- Civilians 15 - (or N.K.)											1	
25 and over												
Total Non-Civilians	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Ages etc (N.K. - Age Unknown)	Pneumonia		Erysipelas		Other Diseases							
	M	F	M	F							M	F
0 - .....	9	3			Ophthalmia Neonatorum Malaria (contracted abroad)						4	1
5 - .....	6	12										
Civilians 15 - .....	7	8										
45 - .....	16	12	2	1								
65 and over...	8	8										
N.K. ....			1	2								
Total Civilians	46	43	3	12								
Non- Civilians 15 - (or N.K.)												
45 and over												
Total Non-Civilians	-	-	-	-								



Year	COMPARATIVE BIRTH RATE			COMPARATIVE DEATH RATE		
	Civilian Population (R.G.)	No. of Births	Birth Rate per 1,000 population GOSPORT Eng. & Wales	Civilian Population (R.G.)	No. of Deaths	Death Rate per 1,000 population GOSPORT Eng. & Wales
1920	36,048	970	26.9	30,356	360	11.85
1921	33,710	789	23.4	30,878	360	11.65
1922	34,150	734	21.49	31,320	325	10.37
1923	34,280	711	20.74	30,407	337	11.08
1924	32,680	622	19.03	30,580	338	11.05
1925	33,150	665	20.06	30,670	356	11.6
1926	31,990	637	19.91	29,740	324	10.89
1927	33,520	623	18.58	30,300	355	11.05
1928	34,130	652	19.1	30,730	342	11.12
1929	35,130	686	19.52	31,650	444	14.02
1930	37,130	651	17.53	33,080	353	10.67
1931	37,580	704	18.7	33,360	371	11.1
1932	38,720	740	19.1	38,720	447	11.5
1933	39,570	702	17.7	39,570	436	11.2
1934	40,870	707	17.29	40,870	407	10.1
1935	41,910	705	16.82	41,910	414	10.06
1936	42,720	752	17.60	42,720	436	10.4
1937	44,210	837	18.93	44,210	464	10.69
1938	45,910	856	18.64	45,910	453	10.02
1939	47,630	942	19.77	44,980	485	10.96
1940	37,300	870	23.32	37,300	531	14.95
1941	33,160	679	20.47	33,160	488	14.71
1942	34,130	801	23.47	34,130	420	12.30
1943	35,550	848	23.85	35,550	458	12.88
1944	37,170	1047	28.16	37,170	415	11.16
1945	40,470	1063	26.27	40,470	473	11.68
1946	45,160	1116	24.71	45,160	504	11.16
1947	47,240	1275	26.99	47,240	485	10.27
1948	49,000	1155	23.57	49,000	441	9.00
1949	49,690(a)	1037	20.86	49,690(a)	515	10.36x1.11CF = 11.5

(a) Rates for Gosport are based on Civilian Population and Rates for England & Wales are based on Total Population

For Gosport, Civilian Population plus Non-Civilian Population = 59,380

INFANT MORTALITY RATE  
Measured by the  
Proportion of Deaths under one year to Registered Births

Year	GOSPORT				England & Wales		
1920	50.5	per	1,000	births registered	80	per	1,000
1921	64.6	"	"	"	83	"	"
1922	54.4	"	"	"	77	"	"
1923	57.6	"	"	"	69	"	"
1924	65.9	"	"	"	75	"	"
1925	55.6	"	"	"	75	"	"
1926	36.1	"	"	"	70	"	"
1927	46.5	"	"	"	69	"	"
1928	42.9	"	"	"	65	"	"
1929	62.6	"	"	"	74	"	"
1930	44.5	"	"	"	60	"	"
1931	41.1	"	"	"	66	"	"
1932	52.7	"	"	"	65	"	"
1933	39.8	"	"	"	64	"	"
1934	38.2	"	"	"	59	"	"
1935	49.64	"	"	"	57	"	"
1936	38.56	"	"	"	59	"	"
1937	39.43	"	"	"	58	"	"
1938	53.73	"	"	"	53	"	"
1939	44.66	"	"	"	50	"	"
1940	35.63	"	"	"	55	"	"
1941	46.92	"	"	"	59	"	"
1942	61	"	"	"	49	"	"
1943	40	"	"	"	49	"	"
1944	37	"	"	"	46	"	"
1945	40	"	"	"	46	"	"
1946	33	"	"	"	43	"	"
1947	29.8	"	"	"	41	"	"
1948	24.24	"	"	"	34	"	"
1949	21.21	"	"	"	32	"	"

MONTHLY WEATHER SUMMARY for the YEAR 1949

MONTH	MEAN BARO- METER (ins)	TEMPERATURE						SUNSHINE		RAINFALL		Relative Humidity (Sat <sup>n</sup> 100)	
		Mean (F)	Absolute		Mean		Mean Daily Range (F)	Total Hours	Days of 0.5 hrs or more	Total (m.m) (ins)	Days of 0.01 ins or more		
			Max (F)	Min (F)	Max (F)	Min (F)							
Jan	30.15	43.8	54	32	49.1	39.5	9.6	85.9	21	15.8	0.62	6	71.7
Feb	30.29	44.4	55	30	50.2	38.6	11.6	128.6	24	24.3	0.96	6	69.9
Mar	30.12	43.7	63	30	50.0	37.4	12.6	128.4	21	39.1	1.54	5	60.5
Apr	30.01	51.3	68	35	57.6	45.1	12.5	220.0	26	28.4	1.12	8	64.6
May	29.94	54.0	66	39	61.0	47.1	13.9	264.6	31	37.9	1.49	8	61.9
June	30.07	61.2	85	49	68.4	54.0	14.4	269.8	30	15.4	0.61	5	64.9
July	30.07	65.9	83	50	73.3	58.5	14.8	300.9	30	5.9	0.23	3	59.7
Aug	30.07	65.8	81	50	72.8	58.8	14.0	244.1	29	29.4	1.16	7	61.2
Sept	29.98	65.2	79	52	71.2	59.1	12.1	169.3	26	55.5	2.18	11	73.5
Oct	29.95	57.5	72	38	62.4	52.7	9.7	133.2	25	206.1	8.09	16	78.4
Nov	29.73	47.4	58	33	51.7	43.1	8.6	80.8	23	82.4	3.22	15	82.2
Dec	29.91	45.2	54	29	49.8	40.6	9.2	67.2	18	48.0	1.89	12	82.2
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2092.8	304	588.2	23.11	102	-
Mean	30.02	53.8	68	39	59.8	47.9	11.9	174.4	25.3	49.0	1.92	8.5	69.2

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